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SUBJECT: FRG FONOFF REP MEETING WITH RFE AND RL OFFICIALS

REF: BONN 6576, BONN 6629

SUMMARY: FRG FONOFF REP VON DUNGERN MET WITH DIRECTOR RADIO LIBERTY, ACTING DIRECTOR RFE AND OTHER RADIO REPS MAY 15. IN COURSE LONG, RELAXED LUNCHEON CONVERSATION VON DUNGERN STATED FRG HAD NO CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH STATIONS, AND HE CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON QUESTION OF EUROPEAN FINANCING OF STATION' S RESEARCH, AS SUGGESTED IN PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION' S REPORT. HE DID NOT RAISE HUNGARIAN BROADCASTS MENTIONED REFTEL 2, NOR DID HE BRING UP ANY SPECIFIC BROADCASTS. RE BREZHNEV VISIT, VON DUNGERN SAID ONLY THAT HE HOPED IN EVENT INCIDENTS DEVELOPED, STATIONS WOULD KEEP THESE IN PROPORTION AND NOT MAGNIFY THEM. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED LEST SOVIET LISTENERS BE GIVEN PICTURE OF GERMANY RIFE WITH ACTIVE REVANCHIST ELEMENTS. STATION REPS ASSURED HIM THEY WOULD NOT PLAY UP ANY SUCH DEVELOPMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. ON FINANCING, VON DUNGERN EXPRESSED VIEW IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR US TO APPROACH EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS BILATERALLY WITH REQUEST FOR FINANCING, EVEN THOUGH THIS WAS FOR STATION' S RESEARCH. ANSWER, HE IMPLIED, WOULD HAVE TO BE NO. HE REPEATED SUGGESTIONS HE HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPRESSED TO EMBOFF (REFTEL 1) CONCERNING DESIRABILITY OF PROVIDING MULTILATERAL SCREEN TO HANDLE FINANCING, AND PREFERABILITY OF WEU TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOR THIS PURPOSE. COOK NOTED WALTER HAD TOUCHED ON POSSIBLE WEU ROLE WITH VAN ROIJEN, CHAIRMAN OF

RFE' S WEST EUROPEAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND LATTER HAD REACTED RATHER NEGATIVELY ON GROUNDS INSTITUTION WAS TOO INACTIVE. VON DUNGERN RESPONDED HE THOUGHT WEU MIGHT IN FACT WELCOME NEW ROLE FOR ITSELF, AND HE SUGGESTED US APPROACH WEU MEMBERS BILATERALLY TO SUGGEST THAT THEIR PEOPLE CONCERNED WITH WEU MATTERS LOOK INTO AND CONSULT ON MATTER.

2. VON DUNGERN COMMENTED IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION (AND HE IMPLIED FGR' S) THAT GERMANS IN HELSINKI WERE CONSIDERABLY MORE ACTIVE IN PUSHING ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND EXCHANGES THAN WAS US DEL. HE SUGGESTED IN THIS CONTEXT THAT US MIGHT WISH TO SUPPLY ITS DELEGATION WITH COPIES OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION' S REPORT.

3. VON DUNGERN SAID HE WIL BE LEAVING JULY 1 TO BE MINISTER IN VIENNA FOR TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT (APPARENTLY TO DEAL WITH MBRF), AND THAT VON GROLL WOULD BE TAKING OVER FOR HIM ON RL AND RFE MATTERS. DOHERTY

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